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TO DIRECTOR (7-15200) ATTN. GID AND INTD

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SAN FRANCISCO (7-855)

FROM JACKSON 7-371) 2P

~~REWAY~~. KIDNAPING. OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED AT THE RESIDENCE OF SENATOR JAMES O.

^① EASTLAND, ^{*Victim*} 2/26/74.

ENVELOPE POSTMARKED U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NEW YORK 114--
2/24/74, P.M. ADDRESS LABEL WHICH STICKS ON, ADDRESS TYPED ON
LABEL - SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND, JACKSON, MISS. PLAIN WHITE
ENVELOPE, NO RETURN ADDRESS.

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"YOU SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU ARE NOT ONLY CONCERNED WITH FREEING AND MAKING A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, YOU HAVE SEEMINGLY SAID BY YOUR ACTIONS THAT YOU KNOW ME AND THEREFOR YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REPENT FOR YOUR CRIMES. HOWEVER, TO THIS I WILL SAY YES, YOU DO INDEED KNOW ME YOU HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN ME. I AM THAT NIGGER YOU HAVE HUNTED AND FEARED NIGHT AN DAY. I AM THAT NIGGER YOU HAVE KILLED HUNDREDS OF MY PEOPLE IN A VAIN HOPE OF FINDING. I AM THAT NIGGER THAT IS NO LONGER JUST HUNTED, ROBBED AND MURDERED. I AM THAT NIGGER THAT HUNTS YOU NOW."

/S/ "FIELD MARSHAL ^①CINQUE"

LETTER IS ON WATERMARKED BOND, EDMONT BOND, 80 PERCENT COTTON GRAIN

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F.B.I. CHECKS THREAT MADE TO GOVERNORS

BOSTON, March 3 (UPI)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation said Sunday it "was handling" reports of letters sent to five New England Governors by the kidnapers of Patricia Hearst, the newspaper heiress.

A spokesman for the F.B.I. would not say whether the agency was formally investigating the apparently identical letters but did say, "The F.B.I. does have information of the letters and are handling it."

The five Governors said Saturday they had received mimeographed letters signed by Field Marshal Cinque, the name given by the leader of the kidnapers, who call themselves the Symbionese Liberation Army. At least three of the Governors said they did not take the letters seriously.

Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. of New Hampshire, the first to disclose receipt of the letter, described it as "a threat." The other Governors to receive letters are Kenneth M. Curtis of Maine, Francis W. Sargent of Massachusetts, Thomas R. Salmon of Vermont and Philip W. Noel of Rhode Island.

Mr. Thomson declined to say whether he had been threatened with death or injury but said the mailed threat did include a "demand that certain things be done."

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SLA-Type Letter Sent To Senator

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) has received a threatening letter signed with the name used by a figure in the West Coast kidnaping of Patricia Hearst.

The mimeographed letter, signed "Field Marshal Cinque," was received at Church's Boise office in a pre-canceled envelope yesterday morning. Church's aides in Boise turned it over to the FBI, which said it was studying the letter for possible violations of federal law.

Church's office said it doesn't know who sent the letter or whether the sender is involved in the kidnaping.

"Field Marshal Cinque" was the name used by the speaker on tape recordings addressed to publisher Randolph A. Hearst outlining the Symbionese Liberation Army's conditions for release of Miss Hearst, abducted in Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 4.

The document sent to Church makes no demands on the senator, who has been a strong backer of civil-rights legislation throughout his Senate career. But it ends, "I am that nigger that hunts you now."

It reads: "You should also demonstrate that you are not only concerned with freeing and making a better life for all people. However, you have seemingly said by your actions that you know me and therefore you do not have to repent for your crimes. However, to this I will say, you do indeed know me, you have always known me. I am that nigger you have hunted and feared night and day. I am that nigger you have killed hundreds of my people in a vain hope of [unreadable]. I am the nigger that is no longer just hunted, robbed and murdered. I am that nigger that hunts you now. [signed] "Field Marshal Cinque."

Over the weekend, five New England governors said they had received letters purportedly from the SLA. Those letters, like the one to Church, were similar to the last SLA communication to the Hearsts.

In San Francisco yesterday, Miss Hearst's kidnapers ignored a weekend plea from her parents that their daughter be allowed to send a note or tape recording to them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Miller

DATE: March 5, 1974

FROM : R. E. Gebhardt

SUBJECT: THREATS AGAINST VARIOUS
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY
THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY

1 - Mr. Miller
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Morrow
1 - Mr. Wannall

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At 10:00 a.m. today Director Kelley called. He advised he had just received a call from the Attorney General (AG). The AG stated that a "bunch" of Governors had reportedly recently received threats by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). He continued a group of Governors was coming to Washington, D. C., this weekend and the AG was wondering if there was anything in the air which could be construed as a threat or possible demonstration. The AG continued that five Governors had already turned such communications over to us and, while reportedly Senator Church had received such a letter, the AG did not know if he had turned the communication over to the FBI or just made it public. Mr. Kelley advised he did not have any details regarding this matter.

I advised Mr. Kelley that I was aware several Government officials including at least four or five Governors had received communications through the U. S. Mails. These communications consisted of an exact excerpt from a communication sent to Randolph Hearst by the alleged kidnapers of Patricia Hearst. The excerpt quoted was that section referring to the "niggers being hunted." I told Mr. Kelley that these communications were all exactly alike and in view of the phraseology utilized we had sent them to New York where they had originated with the request that they be discussed with the U. S. Attorney to determine if there was any Federal violation involved. Insofar as Senator Church was concerned, I was aware he had received one of these communications but was not aware whether he had turned this matter over to us or whether he had given it to the news media.

Insofar as a threat is concerned, it was my personal view that these letters did not constitute a valid threat in the true sense of the word, although it would be difficult to explain to a recipient of such a letter this view. As to any demonstrations planned, I advised Mr. Kelley I was not

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aware of any but would check with the Intelligence Division.

Mr. Kelley requested that an appropriate memorandum be prepared immediately along these lines so that he could furnish it to the Attorney General.

ACTION: This memorandum is being prepared.

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ADDENDUM - REG:jyl: Attached is a memorandum to the Attorney General advising him of the receipt by numerous Senators and Governors of letters similar to that received by Senator Church.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Gebhardt *W/af*

DATE: March 5, 1974

FROM : R. F. Bates *MB*

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Morrow
1 - Mr. Franck

SUBJECT: HEARNAP

On 3/5/74, at 3:17 a.m., [redacted] Associated Press (AP), Washington, D.C., telephone number 833-5310, telephonically advised he was in receipt of news story from their Salt Lake City Bureau concerning a letter written to Senator Frank Church by Field Marshal Cinque.

[redacted] wanted to know if the FBI had received such a letter from Senator Church's Office allegedly written by Cinque. [redacted] also stated that he was going to call Senator Church's Press Secretary even though it was currently 3:00 a.m. since in his opinion he thought this was a significant story. [redacted] was advised that he would be promptly recontacted in this regard.

On 3/5/74, at 12:10 a.m., a teletype was received from our Butte Office captioned as above indicating that on 3/4/74, [redacted] Senator Frank Church, Room 338, Old Post Office Building, Boise, Idaho, made available what appears to be a Xerox copy of letter from Field Marshal Cinque, in envelope addressed Senator Frank Church, Boise, Idaho, postmark not readable.

In essence, the letter refers to making a better life for "Patricia" and states "I am that nigger that is no longer just hunted, robbed and murdered. I am that nigger that hunts you now."

Butte Office advised that [redacted] telephonically contacted Senator Church's Administrative Assistant in Washington, D.C., who advised four similar letters received by Governors, New England section of U.S., and suggested letter be turned over to FBI. Contents of Butte teletype were relayed to U.S. Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D.C., 3/5/74, and copy forwarded to Congressional Services Office.

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Memorandum to :. Gebhardt
RE: HEARNAP

Inspector David Bowers, External Affairs Division, was furnished with above information in order to secure a prompt answer for [REDACTED] AP. Inspector Bowers advised it would be proper to admit the above letter has been turned over to FBI and [REDACTED] will have to contact the Press Office early a.m., 3/5/74, for any further comments.

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[REDACTED] was thereafter recontacted and furnished with comment authorized by Inspector Bowers.

ACTION: For information.